

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-7 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 2 are amended herein. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Support for the amendments to claim 1 may be found at least in cancelled claim 3. As such, no new matter has been added with the amendments. Entry and consideration thereof are respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement:

The Examiner has required restriction between the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-3, drawn to a composition;

Group II, claims 4 and 6, drawn to a method of treating wrinkled or dry skin; and

Group III, claims 5 and 7, drawn to a method of treating dermatoses associated with atrophy.

Applicants elect with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-3. The Examiner asserts that there is a lack of unity of invention based on the disclosure of WO 2005/039532. WO '532 discloses the following retinoids: isotretinoin (13-cis-retinoic acid), tazarotene and fenretinide. See page 6, lines 1-2. Claim 1 has been amended to define the retinoid as being retinol and isomers thereof, retinal, and/or esters of retinoic acid. There is no disclosure or suggestion in WO '532 of the aforementioned retinoid compounds. As such, the instant claims possess unity of invention under PCT Rule 13.1.


Applicants further note that the claims of Groups II and III are directed to methods of using the compositions of Group I. As such, upon an finding of the allowability of the claims of Group I, rejoinder of the claims of Groups II and III under MPEP §821.04(b).

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, PhD, Registration No. 40,069 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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